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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Thursday, February 25, 1999

The House met at 10 a.m.  
The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Help us, gracious God, to take the good words we say with our lips and translate those words into deeds of justice and mercy. Encourage us to take ideas of compassion and peace, of respect and goodwill, and allow those thoughts to be made whole and complete by making them part of our daily lives. We pray, O God, that the gift of faith will find fulfillment in good deeds and that the blessings of this day will be shared by us and all people. In Your name we pray. Amen

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 362, nays 28, answered "present" 2, not voting 41, as follows:

[Roll No. 27]

YEAS—362

Abercrombie	Bachus	Ballenger
Aderholt	Baird	Barcia
Allen	Baker	Barr
Andrews	Baldacci	Barrett (NE)
Armey	Baldwin	Barrett (WI)

Bartlett	Dingell	Hyde
Barton	Dixon	Inslee
Bass	Doggett	Istook
Bateman	Dooley	Jackson (IL)
Bentsen	Doolittle	Jackson-Lee
Bereuter	Dreier	(TX)
Berkley	Duncan	Jefferson
Berman	Dunn	Jenkins
Berry	Edwards	John
Biggert	Ehlers	Johnson (CT)
Bilbray	Ehrlich	Johnson, E. B.
Bilirakis	Emerson	Johnson, Sam
Blagojevich	Engel	Jones (NC)
Biley	Eshoo	Jones (OH)
Blumenauer	Evans	Kanjorski
Blunt	Everett	Kaptur
Boehlert	Ewing	Kelly
Boehner	Farr	Kennedy
Bonilla	Fletcher	Kildee
Bonior	Foley	Kilpatrick
Bono	Forbes	Kind (WI)
Boswell	Fossella	King (NY)
Boucher	Fowler	Kingston
Boyd	Frank (MA)	Klecza
Brady (TX)	Franks (NJ)	Klink
Brown (OH)	Frelinghuysen	Knollenberg
Bryant	Frost	Kuykendall
Burr	Gallegly	LaFalce
Burton	Ganske	LaHood
Buyer	Gejdenson	Lampson
Callahan	Gekas	Lantos
Calvert	Gephardt	Largent
Camp	Gibbons	Larson
Campbell	Gilchrest	Latham
Cannon	Gillmor	LaTourette
Capuano	Gilman	Lazio
Cardin	Gonzalez	Leach
Carson	Goode	Levin
Castle	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)
Chabot	Gordon	Lewis (GA)
Chambliss	Goss	Lewis (KY)
Chenoweth	Graham	Linder
Clayton	Granger	Lipinski
Clement	Green (TX)	Livingston
Clyburn	Green (WI)	Lofgren
Coble	Greenwood	Lowey
Collins	Hall (OH)	Lucas (KY)
Combest	Hall (TX)	Lucas (OK)
Condit	Hansen	Luther
Cook	Hastings (WA)	Maloney (CT)
Cooksey	Hayes	Maloney (NY)
Coyne	Hayworth	Manzullo
Cramer	Hefley	Markey
Crowley	Hill (IN)	Mascara
Cubin	Hilleary	Matsui
Cummings	Hinchey	McCarthy (MO)
Cunningham	Hinojosa	McCarthy (NY)
Danner	Hobson	McCollum
Davis (FL)	Hoefel	McCrery
Davis (VA)	Hoekstra	McGovern
Deal	Holden	McHugh
DeGette	Holt	McInnis
Delahunt	Hooley	McIntyre
DeLauro	Horn	McKeon
DeLay	Hostettler	McKinney
DeMint	Houghton	McNulty
Deutsch	Hoyer	Meehan
Diaz-Balart	Hulshof	Meek (FL)
Dickey	Hunter	Menendez
Dicks	Hutchinson	Metcalfe

Mica	Regula	Stearns
Millender-	Reynolds	Strickland
McDonald	Riley	Stump
Miller (FL)	Rivers	Sununu
Miller, Gary	Rodriguez	Sweeney
Miller, George	Roemer	Talent
Minge	Rohrabacher	Tancred
Mink	Ros-Lehtinen	Tanner
Mollohan	Rothman	Tauscher
Moore	Roukema	Tauzin
Moran (VA)	Ryan (WI)	Terry
Morella	Ryun (KS)	Thomas
Murtha	Sanchez	Thompson (CA)
Myrick	Sanders	Thornberry
Nadler	Sandlin	Thune
Napolitano	Sanford	Thurman
Neal	Sawyer	Tiahrt
Nethercutt	Saxton	Tierney
Ney	Scarborough	Toomey
Northup	Schakowsky	Traficant
Norwood	Scott	Turner
Nussle	Sensenbrenner	Udall (CO)
Obey	Serrano	Udall (NM)
Olver	Sessions	Upton
Ortiz	Shadegg	Velázquez
Ose	Shaw	Vento
Owens	Shays	Walden
Oxley	Sherman	Walsh
Packard	Sherwood	Wamp
Pallone	Shimkus	Watt (NC)
Pascrell	Shows	Watts (OK)
Paul	Shuster	Weiner
Pease	Simpson	Weldon (FL)
Peterson (PA)	Sisisky	Weldon (PA)
Petri	Skeen	Wexler
Phelps	Skelton	Weygand
Pickering	Slaughter	Whitfield
Pitts	Smith (MI)	Wicker
Pombo	Smith (NJ)	Wilson
Pomeroy	Smith (TX)	Wise
Porter	Smith (WA)	Wolf
Portman	Snyder	Woolsey
Price (NC)	Souder	Wu
Pryce (OH)	Spence	Wynn
Quinn	Spratt	Young (FL)
Radanovich	Stabenow	
Rahall	Stark	

### NAYS—28

Borski	Gutknecht	Ramstad
Brady (PA)	Hill (MT)	Sabo
Brown (CA)	Hilliard	Schaffer
Clay	Kucinich	Stupak
Costello	LoBiondo	Taylor (MS)
Crane	McDermott	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Moran (KS)	Visclosky
English	Oberstar	Waters
Fillner	Peterson (MN)	
Ford	Pickett	

### ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Gutierrez	Stenholm
	NOT VOTING—41

Ackerman	Capps	Etheridge
Archer	Coburn	Fattah
Becerra	Conyers	Goodling
Bishop	Cox	Hastings (FL)
Brown (FL)	Davis (IL)	Herger
Canady	Doyle	Kasich

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.

Kolbe	Pelosi	Salmon
Lee	Rangel	Taylor (NC)
Martinez	Reyes	Towns
McIntosh	Rogan	Watkins
Meeks (NY)	Rogers	Waxman
Moakley	Roybal-Allard	Weller
Pastor	Royce	Young (AK)
Payne	Rush	

□ 1022

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent. As a result, I missed rollcall votes 22–27. Had I been present, I would have voted “Aye” on rollcall 22; “Aye” on rollcall 23; “Aye” on rollcall 24; “Aye” on rollcall 25; “Aye” on rollcall 26, and “Aye” on rollcall 27.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SANDLIN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SANDLIN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 4. An act to improve pay and retirement equity for members of the Armed Forces; and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control—

the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), Chairman;  
the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE);  
the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM); and  
the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS).

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 25, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a facsimile copy of a let-

ter received from Linda W. Beazley, Director, Elections Division, Office of the Georgia Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns for the election held February 23, 1999, the Honorable Johnny Isakson was elected Representative in Congress for the Sixth Congressional District, State of Georgia.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, Clerk.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE JOHNNY ISAKSON OF GEORGIA AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. JOHNNY ISAKSON, be permitted to take the oath of office today. His Certificate of Election has not yet arrived, but there is no contest, and no question has been raised with regard to his election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Georgia delegation present themselves in the well.

Mr. ISAKSON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 106th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE JOHNNY ISAKSON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning, as the dean of the Georgia delegation, to welcome our newest Member to the House of Representatives. JOHNNY ISAKSON won an impressive victory in Tuesday's special election in Georgia's 6th Congressional District. He received 65 percent of the vote in a crowded field of contenders.

Mr. ISAKSON brings with him a wealth of experience, having served in both the Georgia House and Senate. Back home, JOHNNY has developed a reputation as a bridge builder, a man who has strong beliefs but is also willing to work with others to get things

done. I believe that trait will serve him very well here in Congress.

JOHNNY, on behalf of all the members of the Georgia delegation, Democrats and Republicans, we welcome you to this great institution, the people's House. We look forward to working with you to improve the lives of the people of the 6th Congressional District, of Georgia, and the people of the Nation.

Welcome. Welcome here. Work hard and enjoy yourself and have some fun as you work.

#### OPENING REMARKS OF THE HONORABLE JOHNNY ISAKSON

(Mr. ISAKSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House, distinguished Congressman JOHN LEWIS and all of my friends in the Georgia delegation, I am very honored and privileged to be here today.

I am particularly honored that 150 of my closest family members are in the gallery. I have the most wonderful family a man could have and the most wonderful friends in the world. And anytime you get 65 percent of the vote, there are a lot more than 150 folks back home that helped you. But I could not be prouder than to be associated with and to represent these people.

□ 1030

I am sure there are probably a lot of wise words I ought to say today, but I can only really think of two things that seem appropriate. One is an admonition I got from a great friend of mine by the name of Carl Harrison who on the first day of my swearing in to the Georgia House of Representatives said, “JOHNNY, the best way to learn is to keep your mouth shut.” And so I intend to be a very good listener and learn.

And then from my father and mother who always admonished me to do what was right and always talked about Mark Twain's great quote: “Just do what's right. You'll gratify few but you'll astonish the rest.”

I will do the very best I can to do what is right in the service of my State and in cooperation with you. I am well aware that to all of you I am nothing more today than the fellow that replaced Newt. I hope in the years to come I will be a respected friend and one who joined with you to make a difference for the United States of America.

#### FAREWELL REMARKS OF HONORABLE BOB LIVINGSTON

(Mr. LIVINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I want to offer my most sincere and